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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT, PARA TWO)

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SUBJECT: SAO PAULO PRESS REPORTS ON CARTER VISIT

1. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO CARRIED TWO ARTICLES ON SUPPOSED MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND CARDINAL ARNS FLAGGED ON FRONT PAGE. FIRST ARTICLE BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH CARDINAL DATE LINE SOROCABA HEADED "MEETING CONFIRMED DOM PAULO AND CARTER WILL TALK ABOUT EXILES AND AMNESTY."

2. TEXT: "THE ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO CARDINAL PAULO EVARISTO ARNS, CONFIRMED TODAY HAVING RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER INVITING HIM TO A MEETING SOON. WHERE CERTAINLY MATTERS RELATED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WILL BE DEBATED. DOM PAULO EXPECTS THAT THEIR SCHEDULES WILL PERMIT THIS MEETING TO OCCUR SINCE, AS HE REMARKED, IT WAS THANKS TO THIS ISSUE THAT WE WERE BOTH HONORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MAY OF LAST YEAR.' CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO IS IN SOROCABA PRESIDING AT A MEETING OF THE BISHOPS OF ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF SAO PAULO."

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3. "IT IS CERTAIN--CONTINUED DOM PAULO--THAT THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS REGARDED BY CARTER WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SERIOUSNESS. HE IS PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY IT AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE BRAZILIANS, MUST WITHOUT A DOUBT BE CAPABLE OF RESOLVING OUR OWN. WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF INTERFERENCES. BUT ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS GOES BEYOND THE LIMITS OF A NATION."

4. "THE CARDINAL CONTINUED AFFIRMING THE NECESSITY OF RAISING THE CONSCIENCE OF PERSONS TO STRUGGLE IN FOUR AREAS: IN MATERIAL LIFE, WHICH INCLUDES DEMANDING BETTER SALARIES, DISTRIBUTION OF SALARIES, HOUSING, HEALTH, ETC; CULTURAL, WHICH INCLUDED THE STRUGGLE FOR RAISING OF THE LEVEL OF WORKERS AND UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE; THE SOCIAL ISSUE WHICH INCLUDES POLITICAL AND STRUGGLE FOR A PARTICIPATION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS, ETC; AND SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS AS THE PRIVILEGED AREA OF THE CHURCH WHICH DIRECTLY CONCERNS LIBERTY. AT THIS POINT, DOM PAULO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESS FREEDOM, RECALLING 'THAT IT IS THE PRESS WHICH PENETRATES ALL THE OTHER LIBERTIES.' 'FOR THE CARDINAL, THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION IN THE FACT OF THE CHURCH DEMANDING AREAS OF STRUGGLE EXTRANEIOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT SINCE THE CHURCH IS AUTONOMOUS IN RELATION TO THE STATE AND IN THIS IT FOLLOWS PRECISELY THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST."

5. EMPHASIZING AMNESTY AND BRAZILIAN EXILES AS THE PRINCIPLE ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESIDENT, DOM PAULO UNDERLINED HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE PROBLEM OF BANISHED PERSONS AFFIRMING THAT THEY LIVE" "IN A TOTALLY INCONGRUOUS SITUATION AND THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD EVEN BE THE OBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THE LEVEL OF THE UNITED STATES."

6. AT THE END OF HIS INTERVIEW, CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP EXPRESSED HIS OPINION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING A NATIONAL PLEBISCITE PRESENTED BY SENATOR MAGALHAES PINTO." "I WOULD LIKE IT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO HAPPEN EVEN IF I WERE THE ONE THAT HAD BEEN INDICATED. I WOULD LIKE TO A PLEBISCITE TO TAKE PLACE"

7. DOM PAULO EVARISTO ARNS SPENT THE WHOLE DAY IN SOROCABA, ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE OF HIS AUXILIARY BISHOPS COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BISHOPS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF SAO PAULO. PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING WERE THE BISHOPS OF SANTOS, JUNDIAI, REGISTRO, MOGI DAS CRUZES, ITAPEVA AND SOROCABA. DURING THE MEETING, THE PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS DIOCESES WERE ANALYZED, KEEPING IN VIEW ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES WITH EMPHASIS ON THE PASTORAL OF THE FAMILY (TO BE THE OBJECT OF STUDIES AT THE NEXT MEETING TO TAKE IN ITAICI, IN LIGHT OF THE DIVORCE LAW INTO COMING THE PASTORAL ON VOCATIONS AND THE ONE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ABOUT THIS LAST THEME, THEY ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCHING FORESEEN FOR THIS MONTH OF A CAMPAIGN AT THE STATE LEVEL THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION TO THE POPULATION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BOOKLETS OF AN ECUMENICAL NATURE, DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS, BASED ON BIBLICAL CITATIONS. ANOTHER THEME ANALYZED DURING THE MEETING WAS THE INDICATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE EPISCOPATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO.

8. FOLHA PUBLISHED COMPANION STORY TO ONE CITED ABOVE HEADLINED "GOVERNMENT HAD NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION".

9. "BRASILIA. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE INFORMATION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER INVITED SECTORS OF THE CLERGY AND THE OPPOSITION TO AN INFORMAL MEETING IN RIO ON THE 30TH, TO INFORM THE WHITE HOUSE OF ITS UNHAPPINESS AT SUCH AN INITIATIVE.

10. "YESTERDAY IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA, SAID THAT HE DID NOT HAVE 'ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEETING OF PRESIDENT CARTER WITH CARDINAL DOM PAULO EVARISTO ARNS'. THE MINISTER WAS PARTICIPATING IN A COCKTAIL TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE LEGISLATURE. AZEREDO DA UNCLASSIFIED

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SILVEIRA ADDED THAT THE MEETING 'IS NOT MY PROBLEM BUT OF THE TWO TO THEM'.

11. "AT THE SAME TIME AN INFLUENTIAL MDB POLITICIAN CONFIRMING HAVING BEEN SOUNDED OUT ABOUT THE MEETING BETWEEN CARTER AND THE OPPOSITION DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL SECTORS OF BRASILIA IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DETECT A CLIMATE OF INSATISFACTION IN REGARD TO THE FACT. IN THE MILITARY AREA, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAD RESERVATIONS NOT ONLY ON CARTER'S OBJECTIVES IN SUCH CONVERSATIONS BUT INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN CONVOKED -- IF THE INFORMATION IS CONFIRMED--ON THE EVE OF THE DAY IN WHICH THE 1964 REVOLUTION IS COMMEMORATED, WHICH WAS SEEN AS 'A DISELEGANT GESTURE' ON THE PART OF THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

12. "EMBASSY SAYS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN BRASILIA JOHN DEWITT DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO EXCHANGE CORRESPONDENCE BUT NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IS IN NO POSITION TO CONFIRM IT.

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DEWITT DENIED TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE MOTIVES WHICH MOVED THE  
WHITE HOUSE TO INCLUDE RIO DE JANEIRO IN THE PROGRAMMING OF  
THE CARTER VISIT TO BRAZIL.

13. "ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, HOWEVER, NOTE THAT CARTER  
MIGHT DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH INDEPENDENT PERSONALI-  
TIES REPRESENTATIVE OF DIVERSE SEGMENTS OF BRAZILIAN SOCIE-  
TY. SUCH A PRESIDENTIAL DESIRE WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO BRA-  
ZIL.

14. "ACCORDING TO JOHN DEWITT THERE IS NOT FORESEEN A LARGE  
RECEPTION TO BE OFFERED BY CARTER IN BRAZIL FOR THE MARCH VI-  
SIT. IT IS SPECULATED ON THAT PERHAPS CARTER MIGHT HAVE OPTED  
FOR A BRIEF STAY IN RIO OBTAINING GREATER LIBERTY AND LESS CONS-  
TRAIT IN HIS CONTACTS WITH NON-OFFICIAL AREAS.

15. "CARTER'S ENTOURAGE COMPOSED OF MORE THAN 400 PEOPLE WILL  
ACCOMPANY THE NORTH AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN HIS VISIT OF 'REST  
AND MEDITATION' TO RIO BEFORE EMBARKING FOR NIGERIA. CARTER  
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WILL LEAVE THE COUNTRY ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 31."

16. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CARRIED (PAGE 20) CARRIED Milder ver-  
sion of interview with Cardinal Arnns in Sorocaba headlined "A-  
GENDA INCLUDES CARDINAL ARNS." TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

17. "THE ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO, CARDINAL DOM PAULO ARISTO  
ARNNS, CONFIRMED YESTERDAY IN SOROCABA THAT HE WILL MEET WITH  
PRESIDENT CARTER DURING HIS VISIT TO THE COUNTRY AT THE END  
OF THE MONTH, AND ADMITTED THAT THE THEME OF THE CONVERSATION  
MIGHT WELL BE HUMAN RIGHTS 'A SERIOUS MATTER WHICH GOES BEYOND  
ALL FRONTIERS.'

18. "ASKED ABOUT WHETHER HE MIGHT BE PRESSURED, BECAUSE HE WOULD BE DEALING WITH ISSUES CONSIDERED POLEMICAL, DOM PAULO ANSWERED THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRIORITY BY THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. 'THE AUTONOMY OF THE CHURCH, ITS TOTAL INDEPENDENCE, ARE PRINCIPLES WE INHERITED FROM CHRIST. WHEN THE ORDER COMES FROM HIM, THERE ARE NO BARRIERS FOR US AND WE FEAR NOTHING' HE AFFIRMED.

19. "THE ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO PRESIDED YESTERDAY IN SOROCABA AT THE FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND AUXILIARY BISHOPS OF THE DIOCESES OF THE PROVINCE OF SAO PAULO. AND IT WAS DURING THIS MEETING THAT HE CONFIRMED HAVING RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE INVITATION FOR THE MEETING WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN RIO, SINCE CARTER WILL NOT VISIT SAO PAULO.

20. "DOM EVARISTO ARNS REMEMBERED HAVING BEEN LAST YEAR WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE BOTH RECEIVED THE TITLE OF DOCTOR 'HONORIS CAUSA' FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AND YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH HE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFESSED THAT HE HAD NOT REFLECTED ON WHAT MATTER HE WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR NEW MEETING, THIS TIME IN BRAZIL, THE CARDINAL PRACTICALLY ADMITTED THAT IT WILL REALLY BE HUMAN RIGHTS, CONSIDERED IN FOUR DIFFERENT PARTS.

21. "IN THIS MANNER, THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO AND THE NORTH-AMERICAN PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO DISRESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE. THE CARDINAL REVEALED THAT HE WILL ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF JIMMY CARTER FOR IMPROVING PEOPLES' CONSCIOUSNESS CONCERNING PROBLEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN MATERIAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE.

22. "ATT THESE AREAS SUFFER RESTRICTIONS TODAY--HE SAID. ON THE MATERIAL SIDE, WE WILL DEFEND A MORE HUMAN SALARY POLICY, HOUSING FOR ALL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MATERIAL PROGRESS, BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, ETC. IN THE CULTURAL AREA, IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF THE WORKER AND THE WORKER'S CHILD IS CALLED FOR. IN THE SOCIAL AREA, ONE MUST CONSIDER THE POSITION OF THE WORKING WOMAN AND LEISURE FOR THE WORKER. FINALLY, IN THE SPIRITUAL AREA, IT IS NECESSARY THAT ALL THOSE WHO STRUGGLE FOR THE SAVIOR HAVE LIBERTY TO PREACH. THIS IS RECOGNIZED IN THE CONSTITUTIONS OF MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES. IN BRAZIL, UNFORTUNATELY, WE STILL CONFRONT MANY RESTRICTIONS IN THIS AREA." CHAPIN

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